

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
PCT/IB2005/002379

Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: Claims | 3-10 |
| | No: Claims | 1,2 |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: Claims | |
| | No: Claims | 1-10 |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-10 |
| | No: Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V.

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : FR 2 756 710 A (BILLETTE CLAUDE) 12 June 1998 (1998-06-12)

D2 : GB 2 264 430 A (* MILETA SPORTS LIMITED) 1 September 1993 (1993-09-01)

- 2 PRELIMINARY REMARK

Although claims 1,8 and 9 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought or in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

- 3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A pant leg 1 adjustment mechanism comprising: at least one lengthwise portion, the lengthwise portion including a first inside seam and a second inside seam; at least one attaching mechanism 6b fastened to each of the first inside seam and the second inside seam; and at least one receiving portion 6a positioned along a length of each of the first inside seam and the second inside seam for receiving the at least one attaching mechanism when the lengthwise portion is turned inwards.

- 4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-7

The additional feature of claim 2 is known from D1

Dependent claims 3-7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT), see e.g:

D2, page 2, col.2, lines 18,19 for claims 3,4,7

D2, fig. 3, for claims 5,6

5 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 8 and 9

Independant claim 8 seems to corresponds to the features of claims 1+3+4 and, cf. point 4, does not meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

Independant claim 9 seems to corresponds to the features of claims 1+5+6 and, cf. point 4, does not meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

6 DEPENDENT CLAIM 10

For the same reasons as defined on point 4, dependent claim 10 does not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which it refers, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).